

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1045
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GAS CRACKER PROJECT IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Chief Minister of Assam at a recent meeting with Union Government officials pressed for Central aid for speedy implementation of the Rs.3700/- crore Gas Cracker Project in Assam;
- (b) If so, the precise demand made by Assam Government therein;
- (c) whether the Union Government representatives suggested any alternatives to the gas cracker project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the Assam Government's response and reaction thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (d) Chief Minister of Assam and officials of Govt. of Assam have been meeting the Central Ministers/Government officials to press for speedy implementation of the Assam Gas Cracker Project. Since a considerable amount of subsidy is involved in making the project viable, it has been suggested that in today's environment, the State Government may also consider identifying alternative proposals.